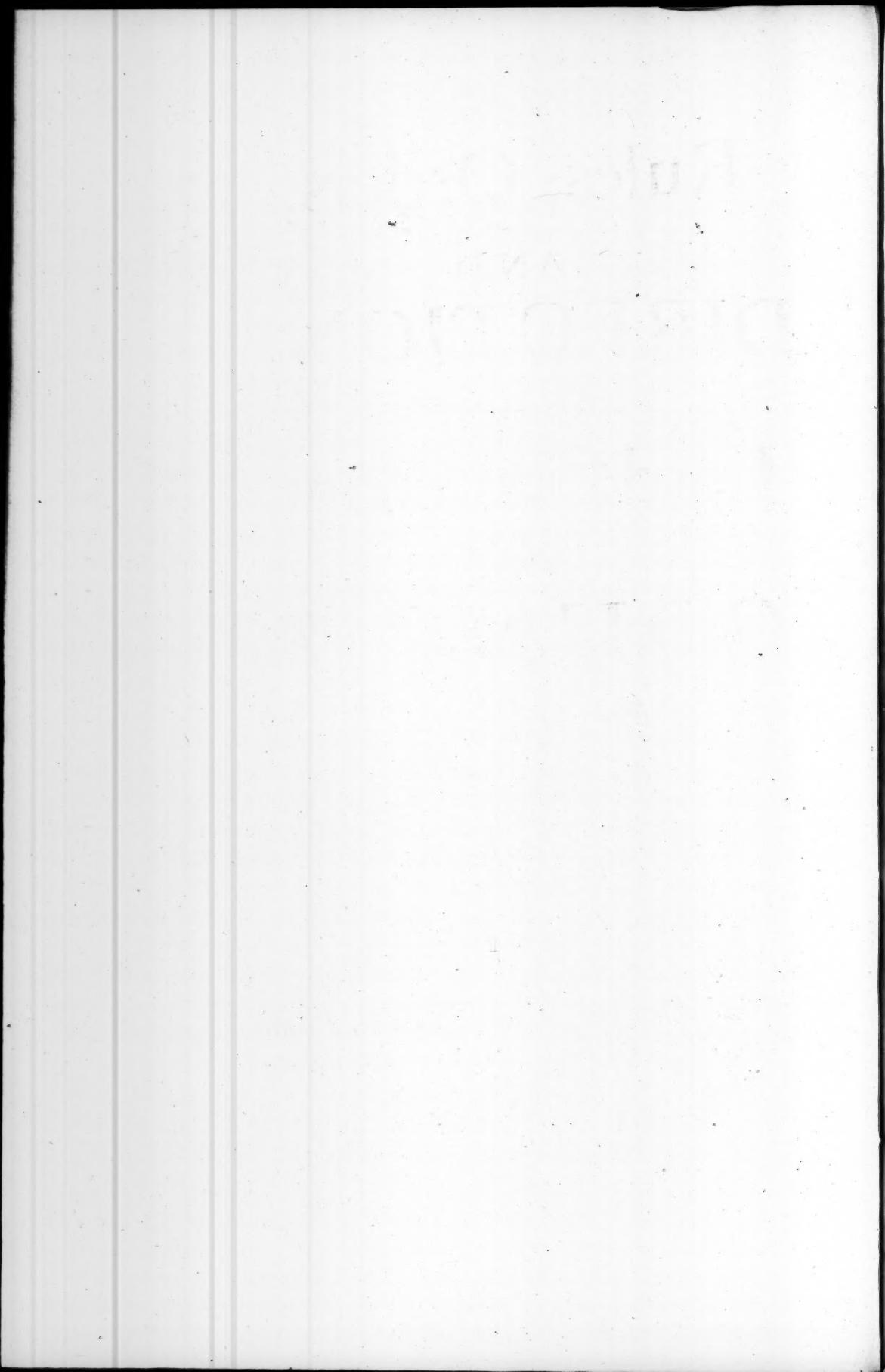


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Rules, Orders, AND DIRECTIONS BY THE Lord Lieutenant AND COUNCIL



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RULES, ORDERS and Directions
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of *Lymerick*, and the Electing of Magistrates
and Officers there.

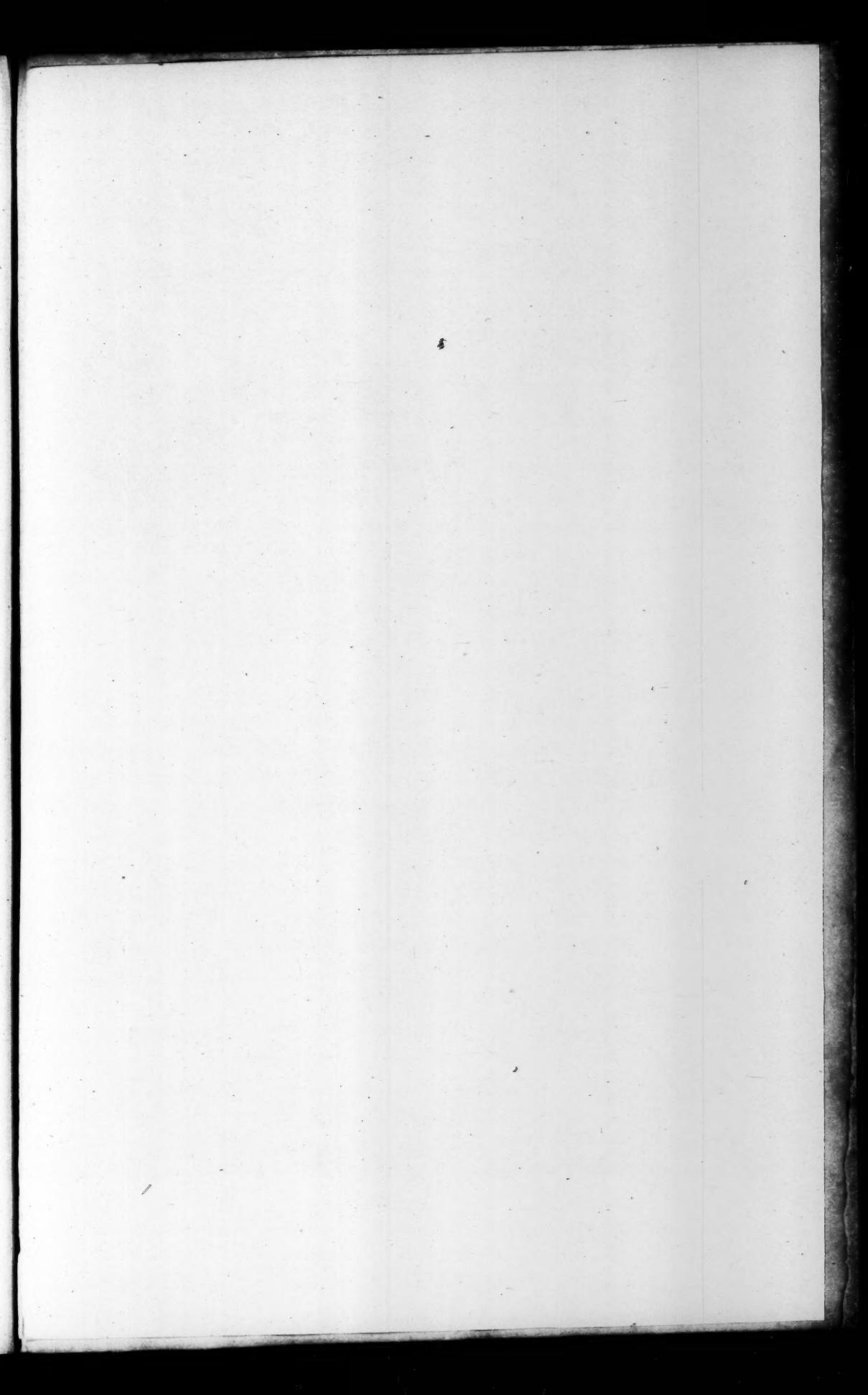
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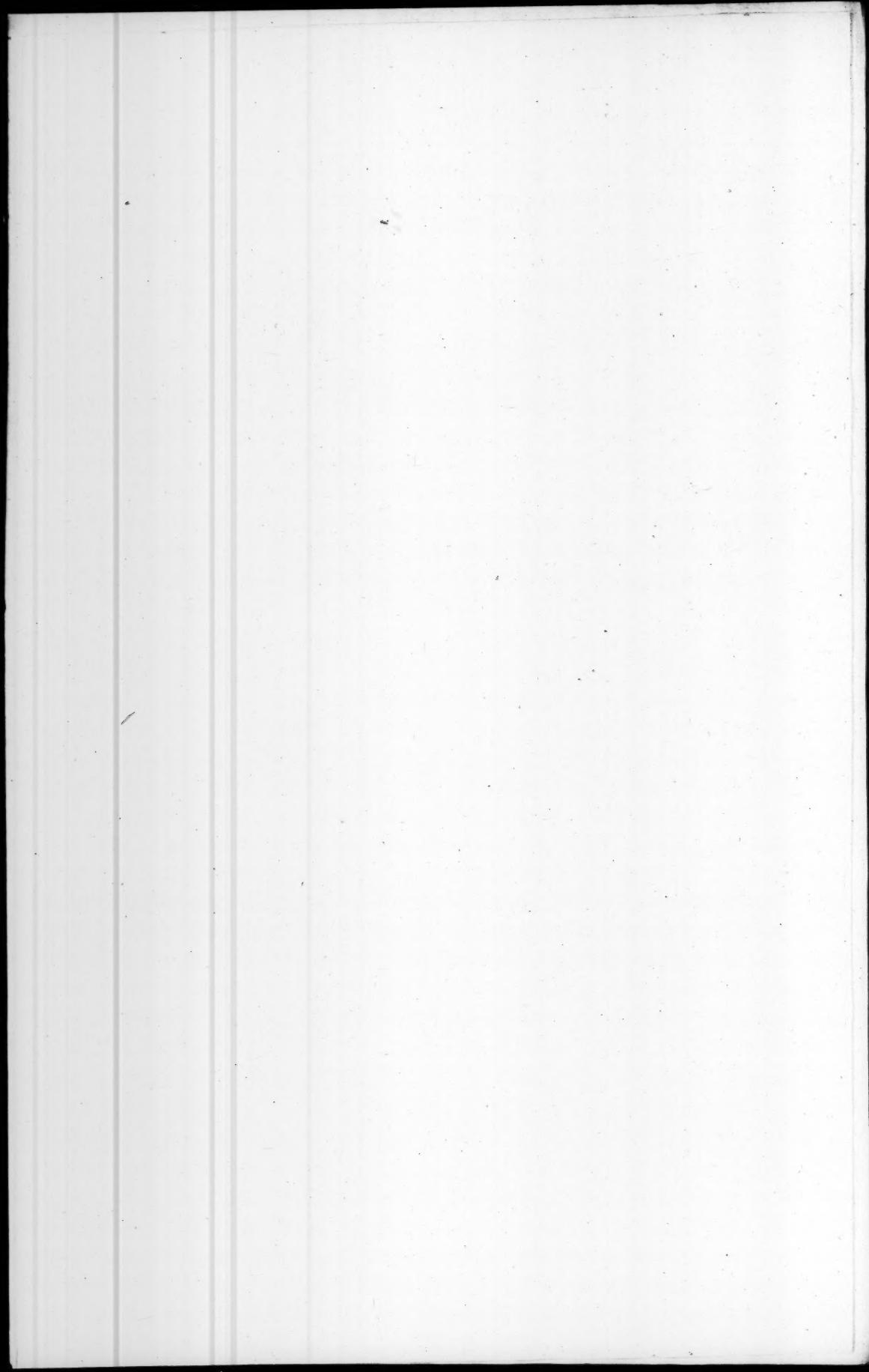
W H E R E A S in and by one Act of
Parliament, lately made in this
Kingdom; Entituled, An Act for
the Explaining of some doubts arising
upon An Act; Entituled, An Act,
for the better Execution of His Ma-
jesties Gracious Declaration for the Settlement of
His Kingdom of *Ireland*, and Satisfaction of the se-
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veral interests of Adventurers, Souldiers, and other His Subjects there; And for making some alterations of, and additions unto the said Act, for the more spe- dy and effectual Settlement of the said Kingdom.

IT is amongst other things therein contain- ed, Enacted, That it shall, and may be lawful to, and for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor, or Governors, and Council of *Ireland* for the time being, from time to time, and at all times to come, during the space of Seven years, to be ac- cepted from the Nine and twentieth day of *Septem- ber*, One thousand six hundred sixty five, to make and establish such Rules, Orders, and Directions, for the better regulating of all Cities, Walled Towns, and Corporations, both New and Old, and such as shall be created within this Kingdom, and the Elec- tинг of Magistrates and Officers there, and to inflict such penalties for the breach thereof, as they in their wisedomes shall think fit, so as the penalties for breach of the Rules, Orders, and Directions to be made, touching such Corporations, do not extend farther than to the Removal and Disfranchisement of such Persons, as shall be found guilty of the breach thereof; and such Rules, Orders, and Directions, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be as good and effectual in Law, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been specially and particularly established by Au- thority of this present Parliament, and shall remain, continue, and abide in force, for such and so long time, as in the said Rules, Orders, and Directions shall be li- mited and appointed, any thing in the said Act, or otherwise to the contrary thereof in any wise not with- standing.

Acte





VV^E the Lord Lieutenant and coun-
cil in pursuance of the said Act,
and the Authority thereby given un-
to Us, have thought fit to make and Esta-
blish And We do hereby Make and Establish
the Rules, Orders, and Directions here-
after mentioned, for the better Regulating
of the corporation of the said city of Lymerick,
and the Electing of Magistrates and Officers
there

First, That upon all Elections to be hereaf-
ter made, after the Last day of October
next, of any person or persons to serve in any
of the Offices of Mayor, Sheriffs, Recor-
der, or Town-clerk of the said corporation, the
names of the persons so Elected to serve in
the said several Offices, shall be by the
said corporation, forthwith presented to the
Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Gouvernour
or Gouvernours, and the Privy council of
this Kingdom to be approved of by them,
and the said persons so Elected for any the
said Offices, shall be for ever hereafter incapa-
ble of serving in the said several Offices, or
any of them, untill they shall be respectively ap-
proved of by the Lord Lieutenant, or other
chief Gouvernour or Gouvernours, and the Pri-
vy council of this Kingdom, by Order un-
der their Hands; And in case the persons,
or any of them, whose names shall be so pre-
sented to the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief
Gouvernour or Gouvernours and council of
this Kingdom, shall not be so approved of
within Ten dayes after their names shall be
so presented, then and in such case the said
Corporation shall from time to time proceed,

to a new Election of fit persons for the said respective Offices, for which the persons so presented, shall not be so approved of, and shall in like manner present their names to the said Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Gouvernour or Gouvernours, and Privy council of this Kingdom, untill they shall have chosen such persons for the said respective Offices, as shall be so approved of as aforesaid.

And that all the said Officers that are annually chosen in the said City, into the said Offices, or any of them shall be first Elected for the said respective Offices on the Monday next ensuing Midsummer day yearly, and to enter upon the Execution of their respective Offices, on such dayes as hath been formerly accustomed, to the end that there may be sufficient time between such their Election, and their entring upon the Execution of their said respective Offices, for the obtaining of the approbation of the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Gouvernour or Gouvernours and Council of this Kingdom, and for the making of new Elections in the places of such who shall not be so approved of. Provided alwayes that this rule shall not extend to the Election of any persons, that shall be Elected in the place of any of the said Officers annually chosen, who shall dye within the year of their Execution of the said respective Offices, or within one moneth before they are to enter upon the execution thereof.

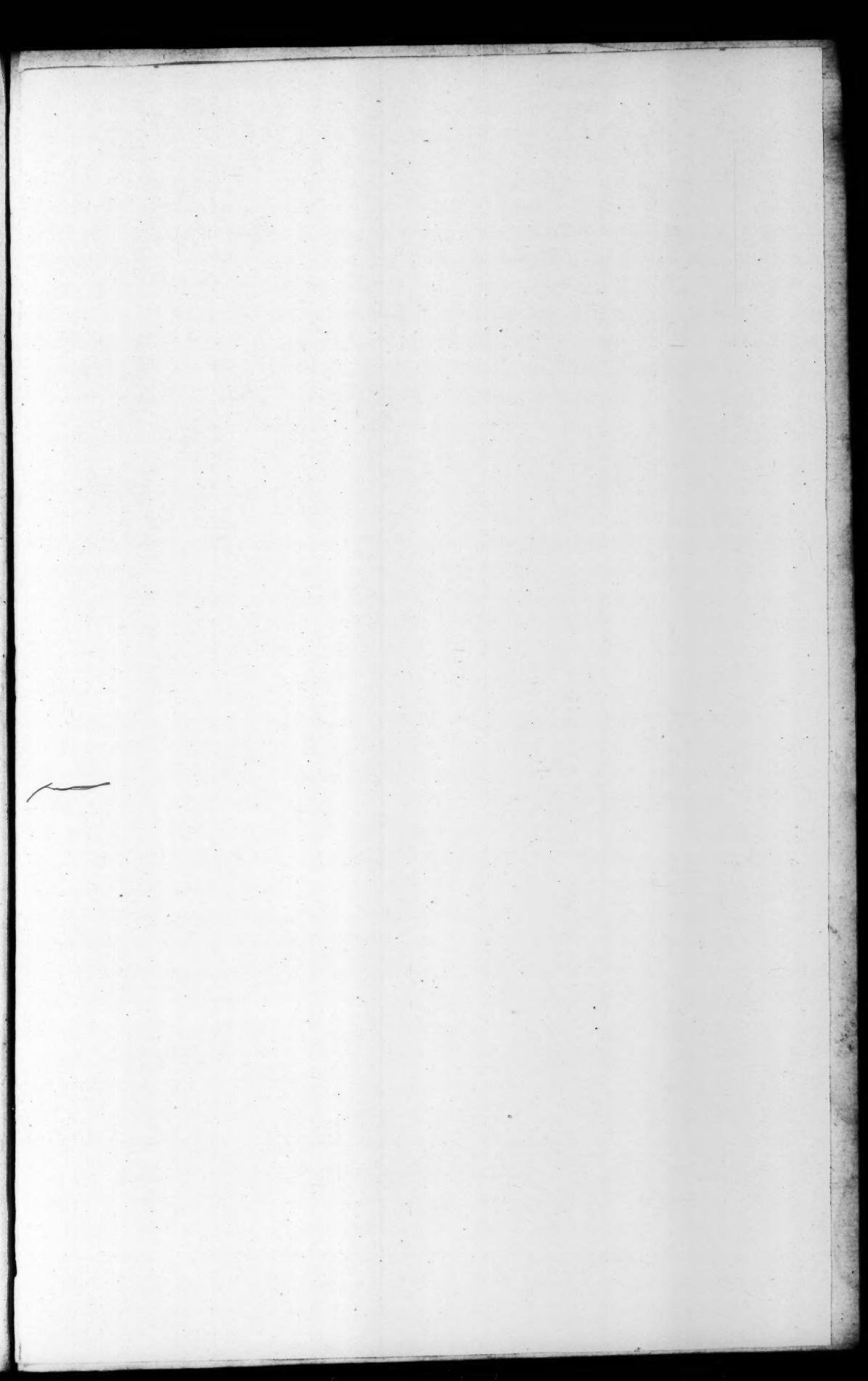
Secondly, That no person or persons, that shall be hereafter Elected, either Mayor, Recorder, Sheriffs, Treasurer, Alderman, Town-clerk, or one of the Common-council

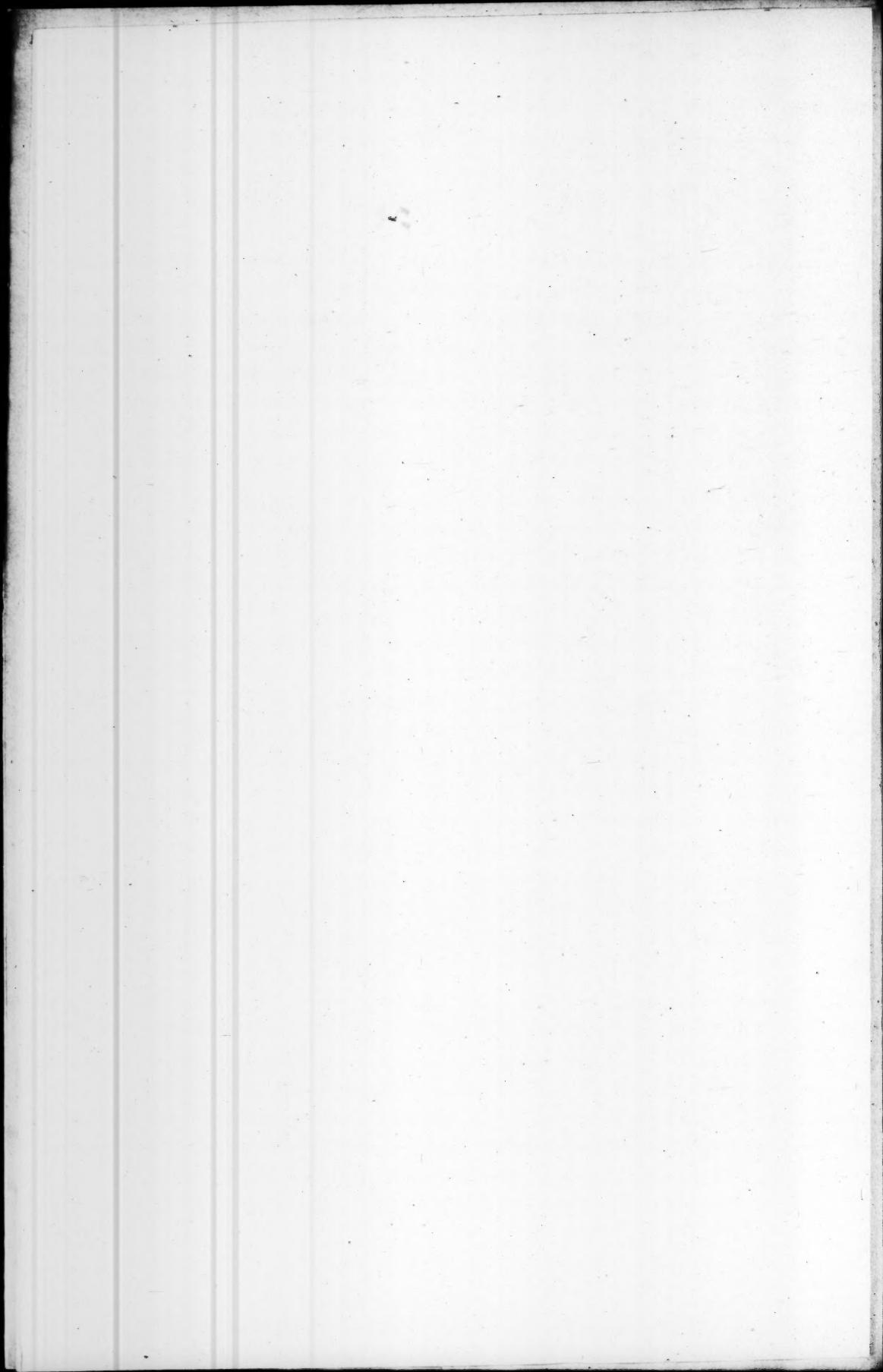
tel within the said City, or Corporation, or Master, or Wardens of any Corporation, Guild or Fraternity within the said City or corporation, shall be capable of holding, enjoying or executing any the said Offices, places or employments, until he or they shall have taken the oath of Supremacy, Established by Act of Parliament ^{2d} Elizabeth in this Kingdom, & the Oath of Allegiance, besides the Oaths usually taken upon the admission of any persons into the said Respective Offices, places, or Employments. And also this ensuing Oath, viz. I A. B. do Declare and Believe, That it is not lawful, upon any pretence whatsoever, to take Arms against the KING; And that I do abhor that Trayterous Position of taking Arms by His Authority against His Person, or against those that are Commissioned by him. So help me GOD. The said Oaths to be taken, before such person or persons as shall admit them to the said several Offices, places, and employments (who are hereby impowered authorized and required to administer to them the said Oaths) and upon any such person or persons refusal to take the said Oaths, The Election of such person or persons into any of the said Offices, places, and employments, is hereby declared to be absolutely null and void (such persons onely excepted, with whose taking the said Oath of Supremacy, the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Gouvernour or Gouvernours of this Kingdom for the time being for some particular Reasons shall think fit by writing under his or their hand by Name to dispence.

Thirdly, For the avoiding of such Tumults

and Disorders wherewith Popular Elections of Magistrates are often attended; We do hereby further Order and Direct, that for ever hereafter, the Mayor, Sheriffs, Recorder, Town-clerk, and all other Officers of the said City of Lymerick, shall be Elected and chosen onely by the Mayor, Sheriffs and Common-council of the said City of Lymerick, or the greater number of the Votes of such of the common-council of the said City of Lymerick, as shall be present on the dayes whereon such Elections are or ought to be usually made; And that no Freeman of the said City, or other person, who shall not be of the common-council of the said City, shall at any time hereafter have any Vote in the Election of any Mayor, Sheriffs, Recorder or Town-clerk, or other Officers in the said City of Lymerick. And that no matter or thing in any wise relating to the affairs of the said City, shall be hereafter propounded or debated in any Dear-hundred, or General Assembly of the said City, untill the same shall have first past the common-council of the said City, and that the persons offending against this Rule, shall be Disfranchised by the Mayor, and common-council of the said City, any Law, Usage, or custom of the said city, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Fourthly, That all Foreigners, Strangers, and Aliens, as well others as protestants, who are or shall be Merchants, Traders, Artizans, Artificers, Seamen, or otherwise skilled and exercised in any Mystery, Craft, or Trade; or in the working





ing or making any manufacture, or in the Art of Navigation, who are at present residing and inhabiting within the said city of Lymerick, or who shall at any time hereafter come into the said city, with intent and resolution there to inhabit, reside, and dwell, shall upon his or their reasonable suit or request made, and upon payment down, or tender of Twenty shillings by way of Fine, into the chief Magistrate or Magistrates and Common-council; or other persons authorized to admit, and make Freeman of the said city, be admitted a Freeman of the said city. And if he or they shall desire it, of all or any Guild, Brother-hood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or other mystery within the same during his or their residence for the most part, and his and their Families constant inhabiting within the said city, and no longer; and shall have, exercise, and enjoy all privileges and immunities of Trading, Buying, Working and Selling, in as large and ample manner as any Freeman of the said city, might have, exercise or enjoy by vertue of his or their Freedom: And that every such person or persons, who shall be admitted to be free as aforesaid, shall from thenceforth be deemed, esteemed, and taken and be Denizen and Denizens within this Kingdom, any Law Statute, Charter, Usage, or Custome of this Kingdom, or of any City, Walled-towm, or Corporation of the same, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Provided alwayes, That all such Strangers, Artificers,

ters, and others, to be admitted Freemen as aforesaid, shall take the Oath of Allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, His Heirs and Successors, and also such other Oaths as are accustomably taken by all or any Freemen, or members of the said City, or by all or any the members of any such Guild, or Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of the Trade, Craft, or other mystery, which he or they shall occupy, or exercise, in case he or they shall desire to be incorporated into any such Guild, Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship aforesaid, and shall pay all such and like Charges, as all Freemen His Majesties subjects, of the like Trade, Craft, or mystery, shall or do use to pay, and no other or more; And that if the chief Magistrate or Magistrates or other persons authorized as aforesaid, of the said City or any Master, Warden, or other Gouvernour of any Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship; or any Trade, Craft, or Mystery within the said City shall refuse to admit any such Stranger, being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman or Seaman, residing or coming into this Kingdom, with intent as aforesaid, to be a Freeman of the said city or to be a Brother or member of any Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship within the same, every such chief Magistrate or Magistrates, Master, Wardens, or other Gouvernours respectively shall (upon complaint and due proof made, of such refusal, before the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Gouvernour

or Gobernours, and Council of this King-
dom, be by their Order Disfranchised, and
from thenceforth incapable (without their Li-
cence) of being a Freeman or member of
the said city, And every such Stranger be-
ing a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan,
Workman or Seaman, upon tender by him
made of Twenty shillings, by way of Fine as
aforesaid, and taking the Oath of Allegiance
before any Justice of Peace, of the County
of Limerick (who is hereby authorized and
appointed to administer the said Oath) shall
thereupon by vertue hereof, be deemed, re-
puted, and taken to all intents and purpo-
ses to be a Freeman or member of the said
city, and of the Brotherhood, So-
ciety, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft,
or mystery, where he or they shall be denied
admission as aforesaid ; And thenceforth
have, exerceize, and enjoy the liberty and pri-
viledge of Trading, Working, Buying or
Selling of any commodities whatsoever, in
as large and ample manner, as if he had
been admitted a Freeman of the said
city, a Brother or member of such Bro-
therhood, Society, or Fellowship of any
Trade, Craft, or mystery within the same,
taking the usual Oaths of such Freeman, Bro-
thers or members, which Oaths any one
Justice of the Peace of the said County of Lym-
erick, shall have power to administer, & paying
all such charges as aforesaid, any Law, Cu-
stome, Charter or Usage, to the contrary in
any wise notwithstanding : And in case any
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person or persons shall give any interruption or disturbance to any such Stranger, being a Merchant; Trader, Artister, Artizan, Worckman, or Seaman as aforesaid, to the hindring him in his Trading, Working, Buying or Selling as aforesaid, contrary to the intent and meaning hereof, all and every such person and persons so offending, shall upon like complaint and proof made of his or their offence therein, before the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Gouvernour or Gouvernours and Council of this Kingdom for the time being, be by their Order Disfranchised, and from thenceforth incapable without their Licence of being made a Freeman or member of the said city.

And these Our Rules, Orders, and directions, We do hereby Order and Establish for ever hereafter, to continue in force within the said city of Lymerick, and within the Corporations thereof.

And that the same be forthwith inrolled in the Rolls of his Majesties High-court of Chancery in this Kingdom.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Dublin*, the Three and Twentieth day of *September*, 1672,

Ja. Armachanus. Mich. Dublin *Canc.* Drogheda.
Arran. Conway & Kilulta. Massereene. Hen.
Midensis. Fran. Aungier. Art. Forbese. Jo.
Bysse. Rob. Byron. Will. Stewart. Hen.
Ingoldesby. Theo. Jones. Char. Meredyth.

GOD save the King.

